AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims supercedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (currently amended): A method for individually renting a private car employed in an individual private car renting system made up of a first dealer terminal, <u>a</u> dealer server, <u>a</u> second dealer terminal, and <u>a</u> communication ~~line~~ <u>link</u>, said method comprising:

<u>receiving and processing a</u> first customer information ~~transmitting processing causing~~ <u>by</u> said first dealer terminal <u>wherein said first customer information comprises an</u> ~~to produce~~ unused period ~~information representing a period during~~ which a private car possessed by <u>said</u> [[a]] first customer is not used, <u>said</u> private car<u>'s</u> ~~information representing a~~ model ~~of said private car~~, <u>and said private</u> car<u>'s</u> housing <u>location;</u> ~~place information representing a place where said private car is housed during said unused period~~

~~and to transmit them to said communication line as~~ <u>transmitting</u> said first customer information <u>using said communication link to said dealer server;</u>

<u>receiving and processing of said first customer information by said dealer server to produce a</u> private car availability information ~~causing said dealer server to receive said first customer information through said communication line and to produce said private car~~

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~~availability information representing~~ and to produce a private car availability stock specific to a

~~state in each~~ region;

~~and then to transmit it to~~ transmitting said private car availability information and said

private car availability stock through said communication ~~line~~ link to said second dealer

terminal;

receiving and processing of said private car availability information and said private car

availability stock by ~~rent request information transmitting processing causing~~ said second dealer

terminal ~~to receive said private car availability information through said communication line and~~

to provide said private car availability information and said private car availability stock to a

second customer for a region specified by said second customer; ~~who is scheduled to visit said~~

~~region where said housing place of said private car exists and allowing said second customer to~~

~~read said private car availability information~~

producing a rental reservation information by ~~and, if there is a private car that is able to~~

~~be rented, causing~~ said second dealer terminal;

transmitting said rental reservation information by ~~when to produce said rent request~~

~~information representing a request for renting said private car and to transmit it to~~ said

communication ~~line;~~ link to said dealer server; and

receiving and processing of said rental reservation information by said dealer server to

transfer said rental reservation information to said first dealer terminal and to amend the private

car availability stock for the region, specified by the second customer.

~~rent request information transferring processing causing said dealer server to receive said~~

~~rent request information through said communication line and to transfer said rent request~~

~~information through said communication line to said first dealer terminal and, at a same time, to~~

~~update said private car availability information based on said rent request information.~~

2.   (currently amended): The method for individually renting a private car according

to claim 1, wherein said communication ~~line~~ link is ~~made up~~ comprised of an intranet, provided

in a local area, connecting said first dealer terminal[[,]] to said dealer server, and connecting said

second dealer terminal to said dealer server.

3-4.   (cancelled).

5.   (currently amended): A system to individually rent a private car comprising:

a first dealer terminal to produce a first customer information;

wherein said first customer information comprises an unused period information repre-

senting a period during which said private car possessed by a first customer is not used, private

car information representing a model of said private car, and said private car's housing location;

a transmission of said ~~and to transmit them to a communication line as a~~ first customer

information from said first dealer to a dealer server;

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wherein said dealer server processes said first customer information to produce a private

car availability information and a private car availability stock for a specific region;

a transmission of said private car availability stock and said private car availability

information from said dealer server to a second dealer terminal;

wherein said [[a]] second dealer terminal ~~to receive private car availability information~~

~~through said communication line and to~~ provides said private car availability information to and

said private car availability stock to a second customer for a second customer specified region;

wherein said second terminal would produce a rental reservation information for trans-

mission if said second customer makes a rental request;

a transmission of said rental reservation information from said second dealer terminal to

said dealer server;

wherein said dealer server confirms or denies said rental reservation request depending

on said private car availability stock;

said dealer server will update said private car availability information accordingly;

and transmission of a confirmation of said rental reservation request to said first dealer

terminal. ~~scheduled to visit said region where said car housing place of said private car exists and~~

~~to allow said second customer to read said private car availability information and, if there is a~~

~~private car that is able to be rented, to cause said second dealer terminal to produce rent request~~

~~information representing a request for renting said private car and to transmit it to said~~

~~communication line; and~~

~~a dealer server to receive said first customer's information through said communication line and to said produce private car availability information representing a private car availability state in each region and to transmit it to said communication line,~~

~~and to receive said rent request information through said communication line and to transfer said rent request information through said communication line to said first dealer terminal and update said private car availability information based on said rent request information.~~

6.   (currently amended): The system to individually rent a private car according to claim 5, wherein said communication ~~line~~ link is made up of an intranet provided in a local area connecting said first dealer terminal[[,]] to said dealer server, and connecting said second dealer terminal to said dealer server.

7-10.   (cancelled).

11.   (new): The method for individually renting a private car according to claim 1, wherein said first customer information can be amended to reflect a change in said unused period of said private car and said private car availability information and said private car availability stock are likewise updated.

12.   (new): The system to individually rent a private car according to claim 5, further

comprising:

a means to amend said first customer information produced by said first dealer terminal

while correspondingly amending said private car availability information.

13.   (new): The method for individually renting a private car according to claims 1, 2,

or 11, wherein said communication link comprises internet connections between any of said first

dealer terminal, said dealer server, and said second dealer terminal.

14.   (new): The system for individually renting a private car according to claims 5, 6,

or 12, wherein said communication link comprises internet connections between any of said first

dealer terminal, said dealer server, and said second dealer terminal.

15.   (new): The system to individually rent a private car according to claim 5, wherein

said first dealer terminal is used as said second dealer terminal to service said second customer as

well as being used to produce said first customer information.

16.   (new): The method for individually renting a private car according to claim 1,

wherein said method is executed by a computer control program stored in a storage medium

linked to said dealer server.

17.   (new):   The system to individually rent a private car according to Claim 5, wherein said system further comprises a computer control program stored in a storage medium linked to said dealer server.

18.   (new):   The system to individually rent a private car according to Claim 5, further comprising:

a means to amend said first customer information produced by said first dealer terminal while correspondingly amending said private car availability information when said first customer has an additional unused period of an additional private car.

19.   (new):   The method for individually renting a private car according to Claim 1, wherein said method wherein said first customer information can be amended to reflect addition of an unused period of an additional private car and said private car availability information and said private car availability stock are likewise updated.

20.   (new):   A car rental system providing a first customer an opportunity to offer his car for rent to a second customer through a dealer rental system, said car rental system comprising:

a first dealer terminal, a dealer server, a second dealer terminal, a communication link between said first dealer terminal and said dealer server, and a communication link between said second dealer terminal and said dealer server;

wherein at least one said first dealer terminal is used to accumulate at least one said first customer's information, which comprises availability information, storage location, make, model, and year of at least one car offered for rent;

wherein said first customer information is transmitted via said communication link from said first dealer terminal to said dealer server;

wherein said dealer server processes said first customer information to produce a region specific car availability stock;

wherein said region specific car availability stock is transmitted via said communication link between said dealer server and said second dealer terminal;

wherein said second dealer terminal processes and provides a car availability stock to at least one second customer for a region specified by said second customer;

wherein said second dealer terminal produces a car reservation request for said second customer;

wherein said car reservation request is transmitted via said communication link between said second dealer and said dealer server;

wherein said dealer server processes and either confirms or denies said reservation request depending on said region specific car availability stock;

wherein a reservation confirmation is sent via said communication link from said dealer

server to said second dealer terminal and said confirmation reservation is sent via said com-

munication link from said dealer server to said first dealer terminal;

wherein a reservation denial is sent via said communication link from said dealer server

to said second dealer terminal; and

wherein said second dealer terminal provides said reservation denial or said reservation

confirmation to said second customer.

21.   (new): The car rental system providing a first customer an opportunity to offer

his car for rent to a second customer through a dealer rental system of Claim 20, wherein car

availability stock is provided to said second customer for multiple regions specified by said

second customer.

22.   (new): The car rental system providing a first customer an opportunity to offer

his car for rent to a second customer through a dealer rental system of Claim 20, wherein said

first dealer terminal and said second dealer terminal are the same terminal used by both said first

customer and said second customer.

23.   (new): The car rental system providing a first customer an opportunity to offer his car for rent to a second customer through a dealer rental system of Claim 20, wherein said system comprises at least one said first dealer terminal.

24.   (new): The car rental system providing a first customer an opportunity to offer his car for rent to a second customer through a dealer rental system of Claim 20, wherein said system comprises at least one said second dealer terminal.